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Success Story

MR. RONALD KAEHR RECEIVES EXEMPLARY CIVILIAN AWARD



Mr. Ronald Kaehr was awarded the Exemplary Civilian Service Award in recognition for his distinguished service as senior strategic planner for the Sensors Directorate. He was the driving force behind the directorate's comprehensive, proactive strategic plans.

Mr. Kaehr's expertise and impact covered the spectrum of planning, from resource management to future business development and technology transition. Mr. Kaehr has been instrumental in keeping the directorate's current programs and future direction relevant to and strongly supported by the warfighter.



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Accomplishment

Mr. Kaehr led the directorate team supporting the Air Force Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) review. This comprehensive assessment of program quality, relevance, completeness, and balance is reported to the highest levels of Air Force leadership. The SAB review was an unqualified success.

In addition, Mr. Kaehr supported the Air Force-Navy Joint Warfighter talks to compare the Air Force Time-Critical Targeting program to the Navy's Time-Critical Strike program to improve service collaboration and reduce duplication. Mr. Kaehr provided senior leaders of both services with the understanding of the differences and commonalities of the programs. He worked with the Air Force Command and Control & Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Center to further refine the program, identifying initiatives to enhance or accelerate product deliveries to the warfighter.

Background

Mr. Kaehr has been an outstanding spokesman and ambassador for the directorate. On behalf of the Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL) chief scientist, Mr. Kaehr led the "Find and Track" Long-Term Challenge team to develop a multi-directorate integrated investment plan for the AFRL Research Council. This plan has served as a roadmap for a number of new investments and collaborations in research of new intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance capabilities.

He developed and presented a multi-directorate perspective briefing on sensors and sensor exploitation to warfighters and Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency program managers. His brief was adopted as the baseline investment plan for this research thrust. Through numerous other briefings to high-level Air Force leaders and other distinguished visitors, Mr. Kaehr has represented and delivered the strategic vision and direction of the directorate. He is well known and respected throughout the research community.

Additional information

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